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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

[Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15 on the 4th December 1924—

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The Secretary shall call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other member to put supplemental questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

## STARRED QUESTIONS.

## Agriculture.

*Facilities for acquiring agricultural knowledge, etc., in South Kanara.*

\* 2382 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state so far as the South Kanara district is concerned—

(a) whether it is a fact that for want of a regularly open public enquiry office and other facilities in a convenient locality and decent room, those keen in acquiring knowledge of agricultural improvements or wanting seeds, manures or implements are disappointed; and

(b) whether Government have in contemplation any measures for improving the facilities required?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) No.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—“May I know what establishment there is at Mangalore for the sale of manure, seeds, etc., to the people of the locality who are inclined to purchase them?”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNAM PILLAI:—“We have no establishment at Mangalore for the sale of manure.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—“In the absence of the demonstrator on duty outside his headquarters, the public find it difficult to get the seeds or manure they require.”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNAM PILLAI:—“If my hon. Friend would look at page 31 of the Villagers' Calendar which can be had for one anna, he will find the information he wants.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—“I know that by timely intimation things can be had. But my difficulty is that before we can order a thing we must have a look at it and satisfy ourselves. I wish to know whether Government

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will be pleased to make arrangements, to have some sort of shop in the district and thus enable its people to go and see things for themselves and then purchase?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"The question has been fully answered."

### Co-operation.

*Application for a loan from the Muttarasanallur Land Reclamation Society.*

\*2383 Q.—Mr. T. M. NARAYANASWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Muttarasanallur Land Reclamation Society has applied for a loan for land reclamation;

(b) whether it has been sanctioned, and if not, why not; and

(c) whether the Government are aware that the work is not progressing in the area for want of funds?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) 1. Applications for loans to the extent of Rs. 21,196 required by the society for complete clearance of silt from their lands have been forwarded by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to the Collector for sanction.

2. The loans required by the society for clearing part of their lands with the idea of depositing cleared sand on other portions are under the consideration of Government.

3. Applications for a loan of Rs. 3,565 are under enquiry by officers of the Co-operative department.

*Co-operative society for the Depressed classes of Mambakkam.*

\*2384 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the petition of the depressed classes, dated 14th July 1926, submitted, through me, to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, Madras, on the subject of starting a co-operative society for them at Mambakkam, Tirukkoyilur taluk, has been received;

(b) whether any enquiries have been made with reference to allegations contained in clauses (a) and (b) in the petition; and

(c) if so, with what results?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The petition was transferred to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for disposal as that officer is competent to deal with the matter.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"With reference to clause (a), may I know whether the honorary assistant registrars can take the initiative in organizing co-operative credit societies of their own accord or with the help of the inspector of co-operative credit societies?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"They can organize, but the societies can be registered only by the Assistant Registrar."